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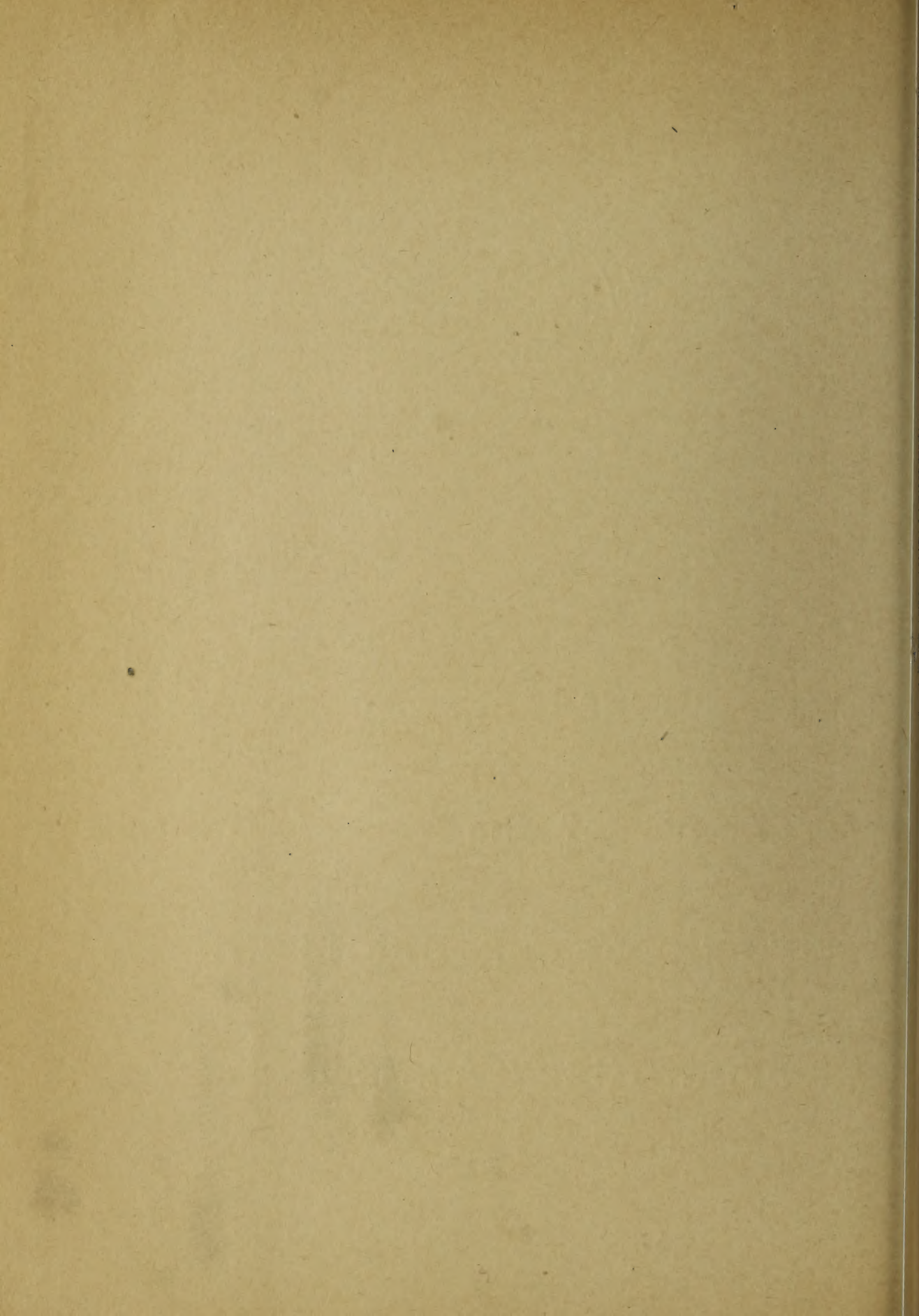


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To the Chairman and Members of the
Cranbrook Rural District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1955. The report is prepared on the lines indicated in the Ministry of Health Circular No. 17/55 dated 23rd. November, 1955.

During the year under review, the health of the rural district has proved very satisfactory.

The number of Births per thousand of the population was 13.1 and this rate, corrected for comparison with other districts, and England and Wales as a whole, was 13.6, as compared with 13.7 in 1954. The Birth Rate for England and Wales was 15.0.

The total number of deaths registered, showed an increase of fourteen over the previous year and the Death Rate per thousand of the population was 11.7. This rate, corrected for comparison with other districts, and England and Wales as a whole, was 9.7, as compared with 9.0 in 1954. The Death Rate for England and Wales was 11.7.

The number of infant deaths during the year was seven giving Infantile Mortality Rate of 35.5. This rate is high as compared with the rates for recent years which were as follows:-

1954	..	..	15.2.
1953	..	..	19.0.
1952	..	..	28.6.
1951	..	..	14.7.

Five of the deaths registered were caused by either prematurity or congenital malformations. The Infantile Mortality Rate for England and Wales for the year was 24.9.

Tuberculosis

The number of new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis notified during the year was six compared with eleven in 1954. The following table shows the number of new cases notified over the preceeding ten years.

<u>Year</u>		<u>No.</u>	<u>Year</u>		<u>No.</u>
1945	...	9	1950	...	9
1946	...	12	1951	...	8
1947	...	16	1952	...	10
1948	...	4	1953	...	4
1949	...	6	1954	...	11

The Tuberculosis Death Rate for 1955 was 0.13 as compared with 0.07 in the previous year and 0.14 in the two preceding years.

Infectious Diseases

Infectious disease notifications received during the year numbered two hundred and thirteen as compared with one hundred and seventy-seven notified in 1954. Of this number, one hundred and five cases of Measles were notified. The disease was prevalent during the earlier months of the year and showed a decline during the summer and early autumn, while in December there was a sharp rise in notifications. Whooping Cough was prevalent throughout the year, the highest incidence being in July and August and in all eighty-two cases were notified. No deaths occurred from either Measles or Whooping Cough.

Pneumonia

Twelve cases of Pneumonia were notified during the year as compared with nine in the previous year. Eight deaths were attributed to the various types of this disease. The Death Rate from Pneumonia was 0.60.

Scarlet Fever.

Six cases of Scarlet Fever were notified as compared with ten in the previous year and forty-eight in 1953. All of these cases were of a mild type and were nursed at home.

Food Poisoning

One case^{was} of Food Poisoning ~~were~~ notified during the year. The causal organism was salmonella typhi-murium, but the source of infection was not discovered.

Para-Typhoid

One case of Para-typhoid was notified in a school boy who had visited the Continent during the school holidays. From an investigation of the history of the case, it was apparent that the boy was infected abroad.

Poliomyelitis.

Two cases of non-paralytic and two cases of paralytic Poliomyelitis were notified during the year. One of the non-paralytic cases occurred in a child of a London Family who were engaged on hop-picking in the district. All the cases occurred in children aged between two and five years.

The incidence of infectious disease reported from the hop fields was negligible.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

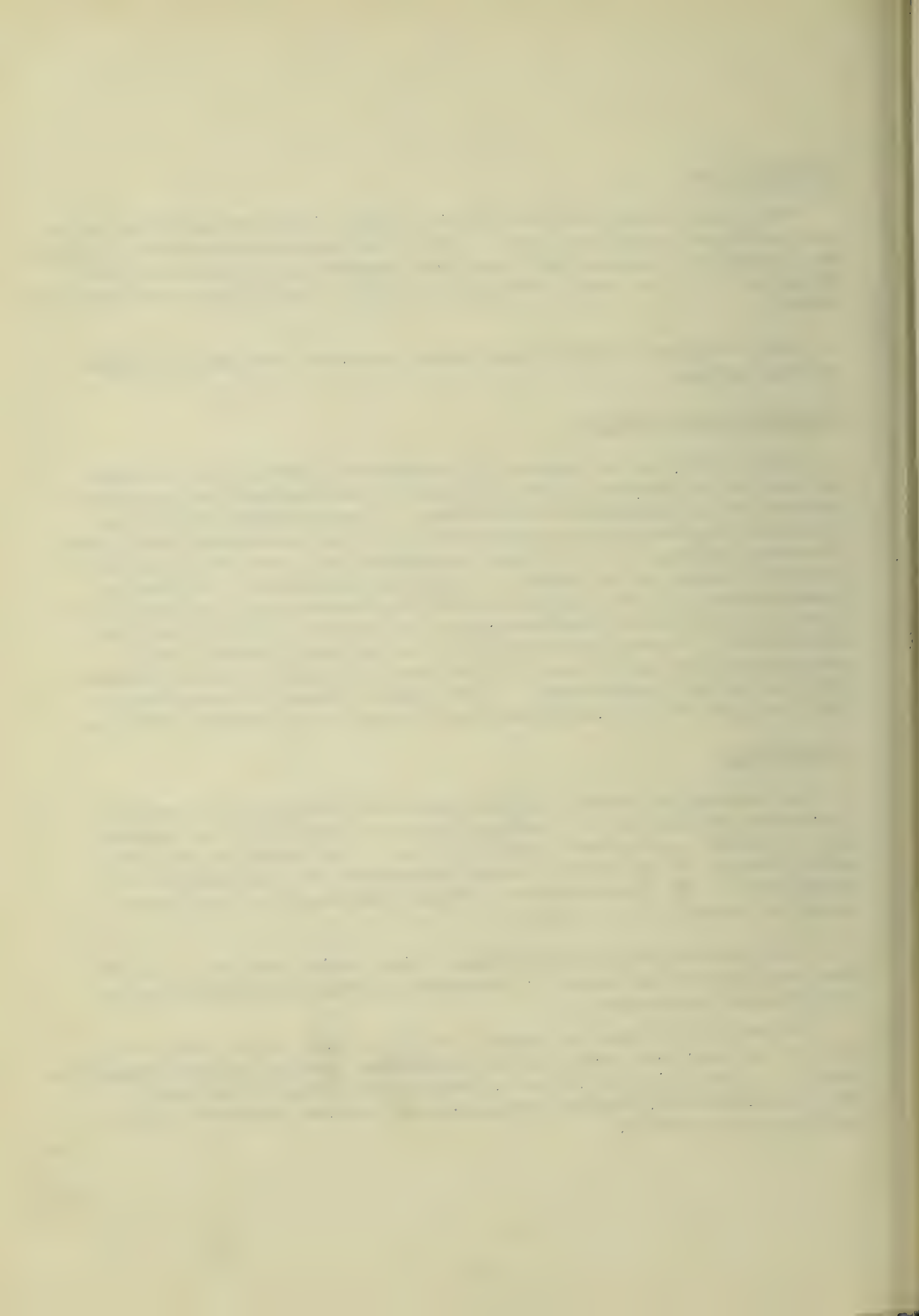
During the year the number of inoculations given at the welfare clinics and by doctors in the district was one hundred and forty-five primary and seventy-seven re-inforcing. Corresponding figures in 1954 were two hundred and sixty-one primary and one hundred and fifty-six re-inforcing. It is rather disturbing that there has been such a marked decline in the number of children immunised. Diphtheria immunisation is a sure and safe means of protection against this grave disease. No case of diphtheria has occurred in the rural district since 1950. We can ensure that this satisfactory position will continue only by maintaining a high level of immunity against diphtheria in the child population. The figures shown in tables Nos. 8 and 9 on page 16 were kindly supplied by the County Medical Officer.

Vaccination.

One hundred and sixty-eight persons were vaccinated and twenty-four were re-vaccinated. During 1954 the figures were one hundred and forty-nine and thirteen respectively. The number of children under the age of two years who were vaccinated was one hundred and forty-four. The County Medical Officer also supplied the figures shown in table No. 10 on page 17.

I am pleased to be able to report, that during the year a start has been made on the Council's programme of rehousing for people in sub-standard dwellings.

The statistics shown on pages 20 to 32 of this Report give some idea of the many and varied duties undertaken by the Sanitary Inspecting staff. I am indebted to Mr. G. Longley the Surveyor and Chief Sanitary Inspector, for the preparation of and his comments on this section of the Report.



I should like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee and the Chief Officers of the Council for their interest and co-operation in the working of the Department. My thanks are also due to the Staff of the Health Department for their loyal assistance throughout the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

P. A. CROWLEY.

Medical Officer of Health.

SUMMARY AND GENERAL STATISTICS AND PHYSICAL FEATURES.

AREA:	41,315 acres.
POPULATION:	15,030 (R.G.'s Estimate 1955) - 13,788 (R.G.'s. Census figure 1951)
DENSITY OF POPULATION: i.e. number of persons per acre:	0.36
NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES:	4,440
NUMBER OF PERSONS PER INHABITED HOUSE:	3.4
RATEABLE VALUE:	£85,850
SUM PRODUCED BY A PENNY RATE 1954/55:	£345

BIRTHS

Live Births (Registered):	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	187	98	89
Illegitimate	10	8	2
	<u>197</u>		
Corrected Birth Rate:	13.6		
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population:	13.1		
Corresponding Rate for 1954:	13.2		
Live Birth Rate for England and Wales:	15.0		
Stillbirths:	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	1	1	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>1</u>		
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 births:		5.1	
Corresponding Rate for 1954:		10.1	
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 Civilian population:		0.07	
Stillbirth Rate for England and Wales:		23.1	

DEATHS

Males:	76	Females:	100	Total:	176
Standardised Death Rate:					9.7
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population:					11.7
Corresponding Rate for 1954:					10.8
Death Rate for England and Wales:					11.7

Number of women dying in, or in consequence
of childbirth Nil

Maternal mortality per 1,000 total
registered births 0.0

Total number of deaths from:-				<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Cancer (all ages)	..	..	..	25	26
Measles (all ages)	..	..	..	-	-
Whooping Cough (all ages)	..	..	..	-	-

INFANTILE MORTALITY

Deaths of infants under one year of age:-

				<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	..	..	..	7	3	4
Illegitimate	..	..	..	-	-	-
				<u>7</u>		

Deaths of infants under one year of age per 1,000
live births: 35.5 (1954: 15.2)

Infant Mortality for England and Wales: 24.9

Table No. 1.

TABLE SHOWING SUMMARY OF CAUSES OF DEATHS DURING
THE YEAR ENDED 31ST. DECEMBER, 1955.

CAUSE OF DEATH	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
tuberculosis, respiratory	1	1	2
tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
syphilitic disease	-	-	-
diphtheria	-	-	-
whooping Cough	-	-	-
meningococcal infections	-	-	-
acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
other infective and parasitic diseases	1	-	1
malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	1	4
malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	5	-	5
malignant neoplasm, breast	-	5	5
malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	2	2
other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	5	5	10
leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-
diabetes	-	-	-
vascular lesions of nervous system	8	21	29
coronary disease, angina	12	9	21
hypertension with heart disease	-	2	2
other heart disease	12	17	29
other circulatory disease	2	8	10
influenza	-	1	1
pneumonia	3	5	8
bronchitis	1	5	6
other diseases of respiratory system	1	-	1
ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-	1
gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-
nephritis and nephrosis	1	-	1
hyperplasia of prostate	5	-	5
pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
congenital malformations	1	-	1
other defined and ill-defined diseases	6	16	22
motor vehicle accidents	2	-	2
all other accidents	2	1	3
suicide	4	1	5
homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
Total All Causes	76	100	176

Table No. 2.

DISTRIBUTION OF NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN
THE VARIOUS PARISHES

		Measles	Pneumonia	Whooping Cough	Scarlet Fever	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning	Poliomyelitis Paralytic	Poliomyelitis Non-Paralytic	Paratyphoid	
BENENDEN ..	40	-	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	46	
CRANBROOK .. (including Sissinghurst)	45	1	59	3	1	-	-	1	1	111	
FRITTENDEN ..	-	-	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	5	
GOUDHURST .. (including Kilndown)	5	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	11	
HAWKHURST ..	14	5	11	1	1	-	1	-	-	33	
SANDHURST ..	1	3	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	7	
TOTAL: ..	105	12	82	6	2	1	2	2	1	213	

Table No. 3.

SEASONAL INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	TOTAL
Measles ..	7	19	11	4	14	-	8	2	1	-	2	37	105
Pneumonia ..	4	1	1	1	2	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	12
Whooping Cough ..	-	4	10	7	7	4	13	20	8	4	1	4	82
Scarlet Fever ..	-	1	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	6
Erysipelas ..	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Food Poisoning ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Poliomyelitis Paralytic ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2
Poliomyelitis Non-paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
Paratyphoid ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
TOTAL:	11	25	23	14	26	5	23	23	11	8	3	41	213

Table No. 4.

AGES, ETC., OF CASES OF NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	TOTAL CASES (all ages)	Under 1-yr.	1-2 yrs.	3-4 yrs.	5-9 yrs.	10-14 yrs.	15-24 yrs.	25 and over	Age not given	Cases admitted to Hospital	Deaths (Inhabi- tants only)
Acute Anterior Polio- myelitis: Paralytic	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-
Non-paralytic	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	-
Acute Encephalitis:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Post-Infectious ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever (including Meningo- coccal Meningitis)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas ..	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Food Poisoning ..	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Malaria ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles ..	105	-	9	12	41	19	20	4	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pemphigus Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia ..	12	-	-	-	-	-	1	11	-	1	8
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever ..	6	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid ..	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Whooping Cough ..	82	5	18	24	31	4	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	213	5	28	37	80	24	21	18	-	6	8

TUBERCULOSIS

The tables which appear on pages 13, 14 and 15 give various statistics relating to Tuberculosis.

Table No. 5.

AGE PERIODS	New Cases				Recoveries				Deaths			
	Pul-monary		Non-Pul.		Pul-monary.		Non-Pul.		Pul-monary		Non-Pul.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5 years	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
5 - 14 years	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24 years	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 44 years	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 64 years	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	2	4	2	1	1	1	-	-	2	1	-	-

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	1st Quarter			2nd Quarter			3rd Quarter			4th Quarter		
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
<u>Pulmonary Tuberculosis:</u>												
Number of cases on register	124	80	204	127	80	207	129	80	209	128	82	210
New notifications	1	-	1	1	2	3	-	1	1	-	1	1
Cases removed and subsequently restored	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other cases added to register (inward transfer).. .. .	1	-	1	2	-	2	-	1	1	1	-	1
Cases removed, (removed, recovered, died)	-	-	-	1	2	3	1	-	1	1	2	3
Cases remaining on register	127	80	207	129	80	209	128	82	210	128	81	209
<u>Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis:</u>												
Number of cases on register	30	33	63	31	34	65	32	34	66	32	35	67
New notifications	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
Cases removed and subsequently restored	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other cases added to register (inward transfer)	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cases removed (removed, recovered, died)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cases remaining on register	31	34	65	32	34	66	32	35	67	32	35	67

Table No. 7.

TUBERCULOSIS

SUMMARY OF CASES

	Pul- monary	Non- Pulmonary	Pul- monary	Non- Pulmonary	Total
	Male		Female		
Cases on Register at beginning of year	124	30	80	33	267
Cases added	7	2	5	2	16
Cases removed	3	-	4	-	7
Remaining	128	32	81	35	276

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Number of children under the age of 15 years on 31st December, 1955, who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date (i.e., at any time since 1st January 1941).

Table No. 8.

YEAR OF BIRTH	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	TOTAL
Last complete course of injections (whether primary or booster) 1951 - 1955.	28	35	79	112	116	139	198	140	123	172	179	170	152	121	9	1773
1950 or earlier	67	63	72	53	20	17	16	54	82	6	-	-	-	-	-	450

Number of children resident in the district who were immunised against diphtheria during the year ended 31st December, 1955.

Table No. 9.

YEAR OF BIRTH	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	1942	1941	TOTAL
Primary Inoculations	9	111	13	5	1	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	145
Re-inforcing Inoculations	-	-	-	-	4	46	10	4	2	-	3	2	1	4	1	77

VACCINATION

Number of persons who were vaccinated against smallpox,
during the year ended 31st December, 1955.

Table No. 10.

YEAR OF BIRTH	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	1942	1941 Before 1941	TOTAL
Primary Vaccination	86	58	13	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	6	168
Re- Vaccination	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	4	- 13	24

NURSING HOMES

Table No. 11.

	Number of Homes	Number of beds provided for:-		
		Maternity	Others	Totals
Homes first registered during the year ..	-	-	-	-
Homes on the register at the beginning of the year	2	-	24	24

During the year regular visits were made by the Medical Officer of Health to the Registered Nursing Homes in the district. Details of the Homes appear in the above table.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The Kent County Council Ambulance Service stationed at the Vestry Hall, Cranbrook, continued to be operated by members of the British Red Cross Society. The members of this Society worked during the year 4,064 voluntary hours, these being mainly in the evenings and on Sundays and the remainder on members' leisure half-day holidays.

The Dressing Station at the Vestry Hall, open during the day for the treatment of minor accidents, continued to be used by the local people.

I am indebted to the Officer in Charge of the station who kindly supplied this information.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

During the year I carried out a medical examination in connection with a new appointment.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE DISTRICT

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in submitting herewith report on the work carried out by the Sanitary Inspectors during 1955.

Water Supplies.

Regular routine samples of water are taken from the mains of the Mid Kent Water Co., in various parts of the district, and all such samples were reported to be satisfactory.

The proportion of houses with a supply of main water is approximately 94.9%.

Sewerage.

The improvements to the drainage and sewage disposal of Hawkhurst were commenced in the Spring, and work continued throughout the year. The work consists of the construction of a new disposal works to the south of the village, the enlargement of the existing works at Hearten oak, and the laying of intersecting sewers to pick up existing drainage.

In April, an Inspector for the Ministry of Housing and Local Government held an investigation into the proposed main drainage scheme for Benenden. The scheme was subsequently approved in principle and tenders were obtained for carrying out the work. By the end of the year final approval by the Ministry to the scheme was still awaited.

In December, an Inspector for the Ministry of Housing and Local Government held an investigation into the proposal for constructing a new sewage disposal works at Cherry Gardens, Goudhurst, in place of the existing derelict works. The proposal was subsequently approved.

Housing

The tables set out later in the Report give figures of the work carried out.

During the year the Council completed the erection of twenty-seven houses, twenty-one at Court Stile, Cranbrook, two and Iden Green, Benenden, and four at Sandhurst.

In addition nineteen new dwellings were completed in the district by private builders, and two were provided by the conversion of other premises.

Applications for Improvement Grants were agreed in respect of forty-one houses to be improved, two proposals to convert single properties into two dwellings, and one conversion of a building not previously so used to a dwelling.

During the year three Clearance Orders were made in respect of areas containing a total of twelve houses. All three Orders were subsequently confirmed.

Individual houses represented to the Council as being unfit and incapable of repair at a reasonable cost numbered seventeen, and of these in six cases undertakings were accepted from owners as to their future use, and in the remaining eight cases demolition orders were made. Three were carried forward for action in 1956.

Meat and Food

Six slaughterhouses are licensed in the area and regular weekly slaughtering is carried out at four of the establishments. At the remaining two slaughterhouses killing is not so regular. Slaughtering is confined almost exclusively to the businesses of the occupiers and generally the quality of animals killed is excellent. All animals notified as being slaughtered have been inspected.

Milk

Much of the milk supplied to the area is now delivered to the retailers in bottles as pasteurised or tuberculin tested milk.

Ice Cream

The premises registered for the sale of ice cream all obtain their supplies from outside the district, and the bulk of the ice cream is now pre-wrapped.

Hop-Pickers' Camps

Throughout the hop-picking season as many inspections as possible were made, and all camps were inspected prior to occupation.

The usual annual visit by an Inspector of the Medical Department of the Ministry of Health was carried out and five camps of varying sizes were visited.

The hop-picking season was shorter than usual lasting only for a period of three weeks and was favoured with good weather.

Maintenance of the camps was generally satisfactory this again

being aided by the good weather.

Further hop-picking machines were in use this year. A total of eighteen farms in the district and one farm outside but with huts in the district, now have picking machines.

Clean Food

Routine inspections have been carried out of premises where food is prepared, and conditions are generally satisfactory.

I would like to express my appreciation of the support given at all times by Members of the Council and yourself.

G. LONGLEY.

Surveyor and Chief Sanitary Inspector.

Table No. 12.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES A GENERAL SUMMARY OF THE WORK CARRIED OUT BY THE SANITARY INSPECTORS DURING THE YEAR 1955:-

								<u>Number</u>
Visits to Bakehouses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
" " Butchers' Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	47
" " Dairies	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30
" " Ice Cream premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	47
" " Licensed premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
" " Restaurants and Kitchens	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	63
" " Slaughterhouses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	282
" " Theatres, Cinemas, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
" " Other food premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	43
Visits to Baths	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
" " Moveable dwellings	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32
" " Factories	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	142
" " Stables	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
" " Streams	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
" " Verminous premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
" " Workplaces	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Visits re Infectious Diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35
" " Insects and various pests	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
" " Keeping of animals	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
" " Offensive trades	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
" " Overcrowding	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
" " Rat/Mice infestation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28
" " Shops Acts	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21
" " Smoke Nuisances	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
" " Water supply	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
" " Hop-pickers' Camps	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	212
Houses disinfected	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
" disinfested	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Smoke tests to drains	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Water tests to drains	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	51
Informal notices served on houses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	79
Houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	93
Formal notices served re houses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
" " complied with by owner	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
" " " " " occupier	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
" " " " " Local Authority in default	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil

Table No. 13.

CLEARANCE AREAS AND INDIVIDUAL UNFIT HOUSES

	<u>No. of dwellings demolished</u>	<u>No. of persons displaced</u>
Clearance Areas (Housing Act, 1936)	-	-
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DEMOLITION AND CLOSING ORDERS

	<u>Number of Houses</u>	<u>Persons displaced</u>
<u>Housing Act, 1936</u>		
Houses demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 11	-	-
Houses closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by the owners under Section 11, and still in force	9	20
Parts of buildings closed	-	-
<u>Housing Act, 1949</u>		
Closing Orders under Section 3(1)	-	-
Demolition Orders determined and Closing Orders substituted under Section 3(2)	-	-
<u>Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953</u>		
Closing Orders made under Section 10(1)	-	-

REPAIRS

Informal Action

Number of houses rendered fit during the period as a result of informal action by the local authority under the Public Health of Housing Acts.	93
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Action under Statutory Powers

Public Health Acts

Number of houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	
(a) by owners	-
(b) by local authority in default of owners	-

Housing Act, 1936

Number of houses made fit after service of formal notices	
(a) by owners	-
(b) by local authority in default of owners	-



Table No. 14.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Food Premises

The total number of food premises in the area, set out by types of premises is given below:-

Bakehouses	....	11
Ice Cream (manufacturers)		-
Ice Cream (storage/sale)		48
Dairies	....	6
Butchers	....	13
Sausage Manufacturers		13
Restaurants and cafes		27
Grocers	32
Confectioners	20
Greengrocers	8
Fish Shops	3
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Number of visits to food premises (other than slaughterhouses)	258
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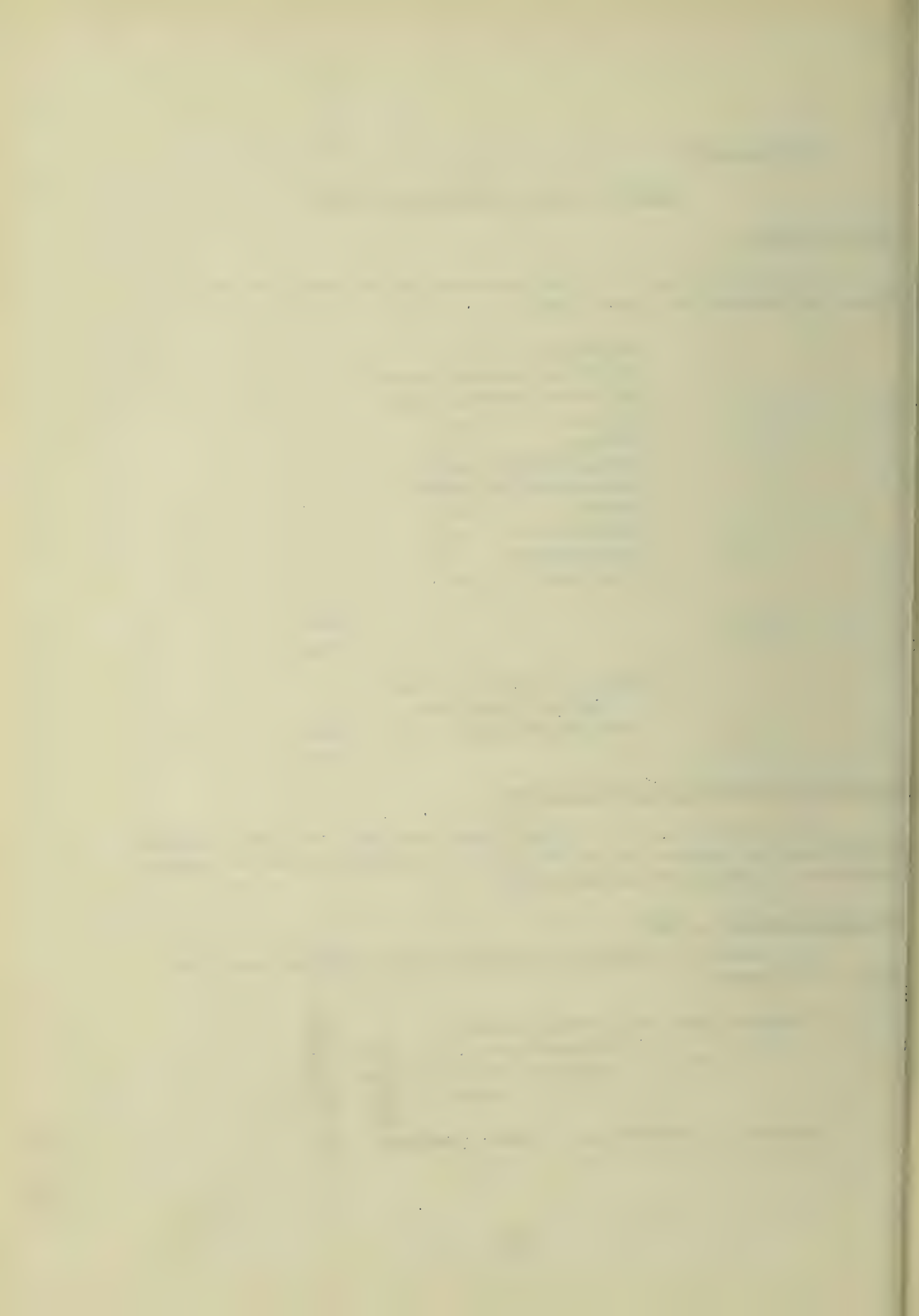
Educational Activity on Food Hygiene

No lectures on food hygiene have been held for food handlers. Inspections are carried out by the Sanitary Inspectors and the general standard of cleanliness is reasonable.

Food and Drugs Act, 1938

The number of premises registered under Section 14 of the Act is as follows:-

Premises used for sausage making	13
" " " manufacture of ice cream	-
" " " sale and storage of ice cream	48
Number of inspections of these premises	92



INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD (continued)

Milk Supply

Licences in force at the end of the year :-

Pasteurisers' Licences	..	..	..	..	-
<u>Dealers' Licences:</u>	Pasteurised Milk	..	..	..	7
	Sterilised	..	..	..	5
	Tuberculin Tested	..	..	..	7
	T.T. (pasteurised)	..	..	..	-
<u>Supplementary</u>	Pasteurised	..	..	..	1
<u>Licences:</u>	Sterilised	..	..	..	-
	Tuberculin Tested	..	..	..	1

Number of Distributors of Milk in the District:-

(a) with premises inside the District	..	14
(b) with premises outside the District	..	1

Number of Dairies in the District (excluding fams) 6

Number of shops selling bottled milk 6

Thirteen samples of designated milk were submitted to the bacteriologist for examination, and three were found to be unsatisfactory.

Four samples were sent for biological test, and in all cases the results were negative.

Meat and Other Foods

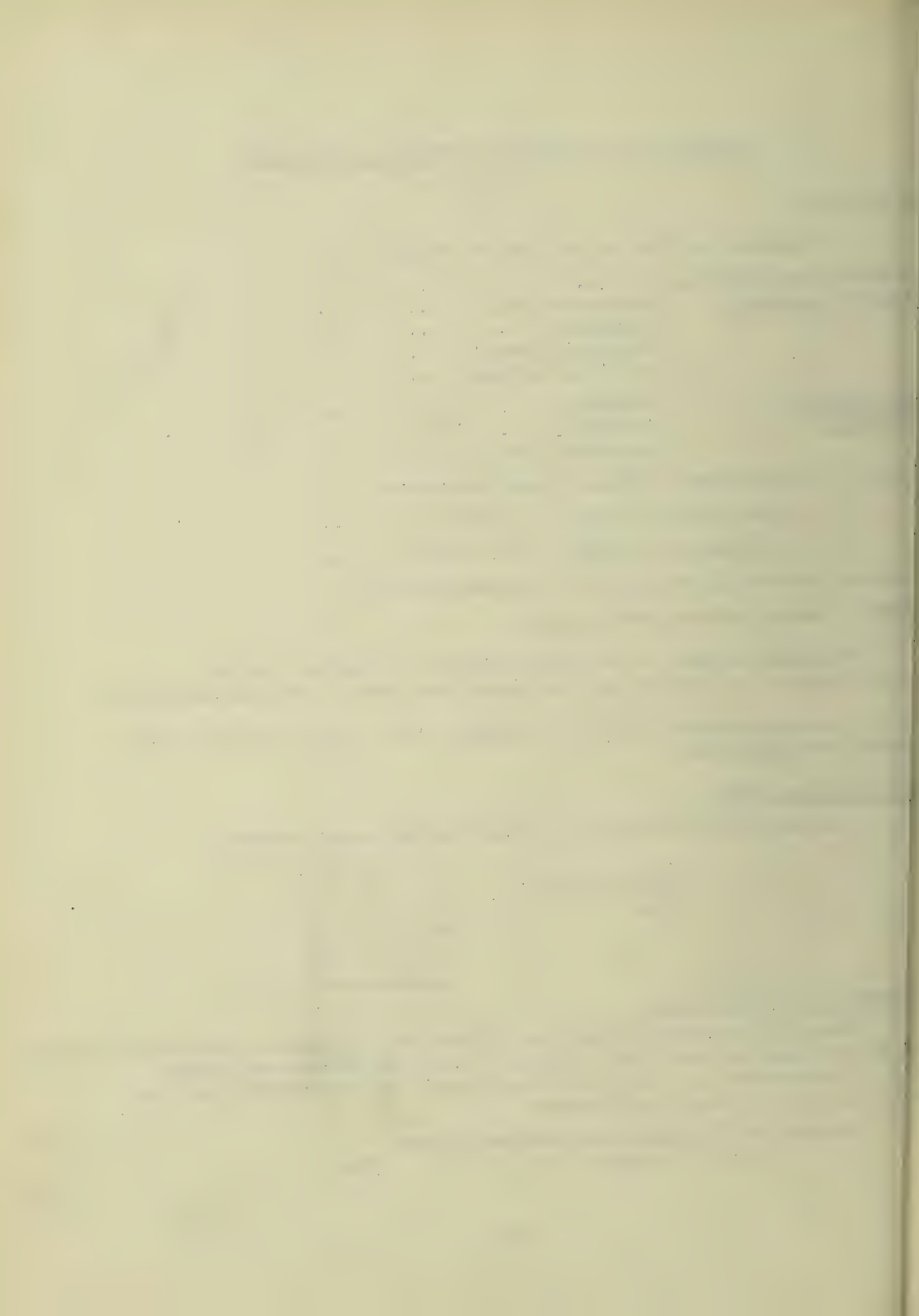
Unsound food surrendered by retail and wholesale stores:-

	C.	Q.	lbs.
Tinned goods	1.	3.	14
Meat	11.	3.	6.
	13.	2.	20

Disposal of Condemned Foods

Normally only small quantities of food are condemned at one time and these are treated appropriately and disposed of under supervision at refuse tips. Arrangements are made for larger quantities of condemned meat to be disposed of to glue manufacturers.

Samples of food and drugs examined by the
Public Analyst. Nil.



INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD (continued)

Slaughterhouses

TABLE OF CARCASSES INSPECTED AND FOUND UNFIT

	Cattle, exclud- ing Cows.	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	198	-	37	286	647
Number inspected	198	-	37	286	647
All diseases except. Tuberculosis:-					
Whole carcasses found unfit	-	-	-	-	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was found unfit	14	-	-	8	4
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	7%	-	-	2.8%	0.8%
Tuberculosis only:-					
Whole carcasses found unfit	-	-	-	-	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was found unfit	10	-	-	-	11
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	5%	-	-	-	1.8%

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD (Continued)

Ice Cream

Registration of Premises

Total number of registered premises:-

For manufacture	....	-
For storage and sale	....	48

Number of premises registered during the year:-

For manufacture	....	-
For storage and sale	....	3

Four samples of ice cream were collected all of which were classified as Grade 1.

Water Supplies

Bacteriological Samples

	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Samples of main water	11	-
Samples of waters other than mains	5	-

Chemical Samples

Samples of main water	-	-
Samples of waters other than mains	-	-

Table No. 15.

DESTRUCTION OF RATS AND MICE

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

The following are particulars of the inspections made and work carried out by the Rodent Operator:-

			<u>Rats</u>	<u>Mice</u>
Number of complaints received	....	....	51	8
" " premises infested	....	....	265	8
" " infestations found as a result of routine enquiries	....	....	214	-
Number of premises disinfested:-				
(a) Dwellings and schools	....	....	249	8
(b) Council properties (Sewage works, refuse tips, etc.,)	....	....	15	-
(c) Food premises	....	....	1	-
(d) Other premises	....	....	-	-
Total number of visits	....	....	580	21

Table No. 16.

ERADICATION OF INSECT PESTS

Details of the work of eradicating insect pests, carried out during the year by the Rodent Operator, under the supervision of the Sanitary Inspectors, are as follows:-

			<u>Number</u>
<u>Fleas:</u>			
Premises disinfested	....	....	5
Visits	....	....	10
<u>Bugs:</u>			
Premises disinfested	....	....	Nil
Visits	....	....	Nil
<u>Beetles:</u>			
Premises disinfested	....	....	2
Visits	....	....	5

Table No. 17.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 AND 1948

1. Inspections.

	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	25	18	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	62	78	4	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	39	52	-	-
Total:	126	148	4	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector.	By H.M. Inspector.	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	11	11	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) -					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	1	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	3	-	2	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other Offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	15	15	-	3	-

